SI.No. Project	Target wherever fixed
6. Jiribam-lmphal	March, 2010.
7. New Moinaguri-Jogighopa	
Gauge Conversion	
1. Lumding-Dibrugarh incl. link branch lines and Haibargaon-Manibari and Senchoa-Silghat	Senchoa-Silghat 2006-07.
2. Lumding-Silchar incl. alignment between Migrendisa-Dittockchedra and extension from Badarpur to Baraigram	March, 2009
3. Katilw-Jogbani & Barsoi-Radhikapur	Barsoi-Radhikapur Completed.
4. Katakhal-Bhairabi	Katihar-Barsoi 2006-07.
5. NewJalpaiguri-Silighri-New Bongaigaon Linked branch lines	
Doubling	
1. Harsichandrapur-Kumarganj	2005-06.

Project already completed have not been included in the above list. The works are being progressed as per the availability of resources.

Surveys for rail projects In **North-Eastern Region**

1291. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of on-going surveys for new rail projects in the North-Eastem Region;

(b) the details of proposals for new surveys; and

(c) the present status of on-going survey in the NER?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY **OF RAILWAYS** (SHRIR. VELU): (a) to (c) The details of ongoing surveys in North East Region are as under:

SI.No.	Name of the Survey	Kilometres	Progress Percentage
1.	Naginimora-Amguri New Line	35	15
2.	Bairabi-Sairang/Aizwal New Line	54.2	40
3.	Bedeti-ltanagar New Line	45	30
4.	Jogighopa-Silchar *via* Panchratna	500	20
5.	Kokrajhar-Geiephu (Bhutan)	70	10
6.	Pathsala-Nanglam (Bhutan)	40	10
7.	Rangia-Samdrupjongkh (Bhutan)	60	10
New Surveys as proposed in the Budget 2006-07:			
1.	Murkongselek-Pasighat New Line	30	

Extension of circular railway from Dumdum to Kolkata Airport

1292. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whetehr any survey was conducted by Railways while undertaking the works of extension of circular railway from Dumdum to Kolkata Airport under Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost; and

(c) whether the scheme is financially viable on availability of passengers on circular railway route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated cost of the project was 89.52 crore.

(c) The Techno-Economic Feasibility Study report prepared by Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES) indicated that an investment of Rs. 90 crore was giving a negative Financial Rate of Return. However, the Economic Internal Rate of Return was as high as 20%. The project was not commercially viable, however, it might fit in the present policy of the Government to save on petroleum fuel, improve air quality,